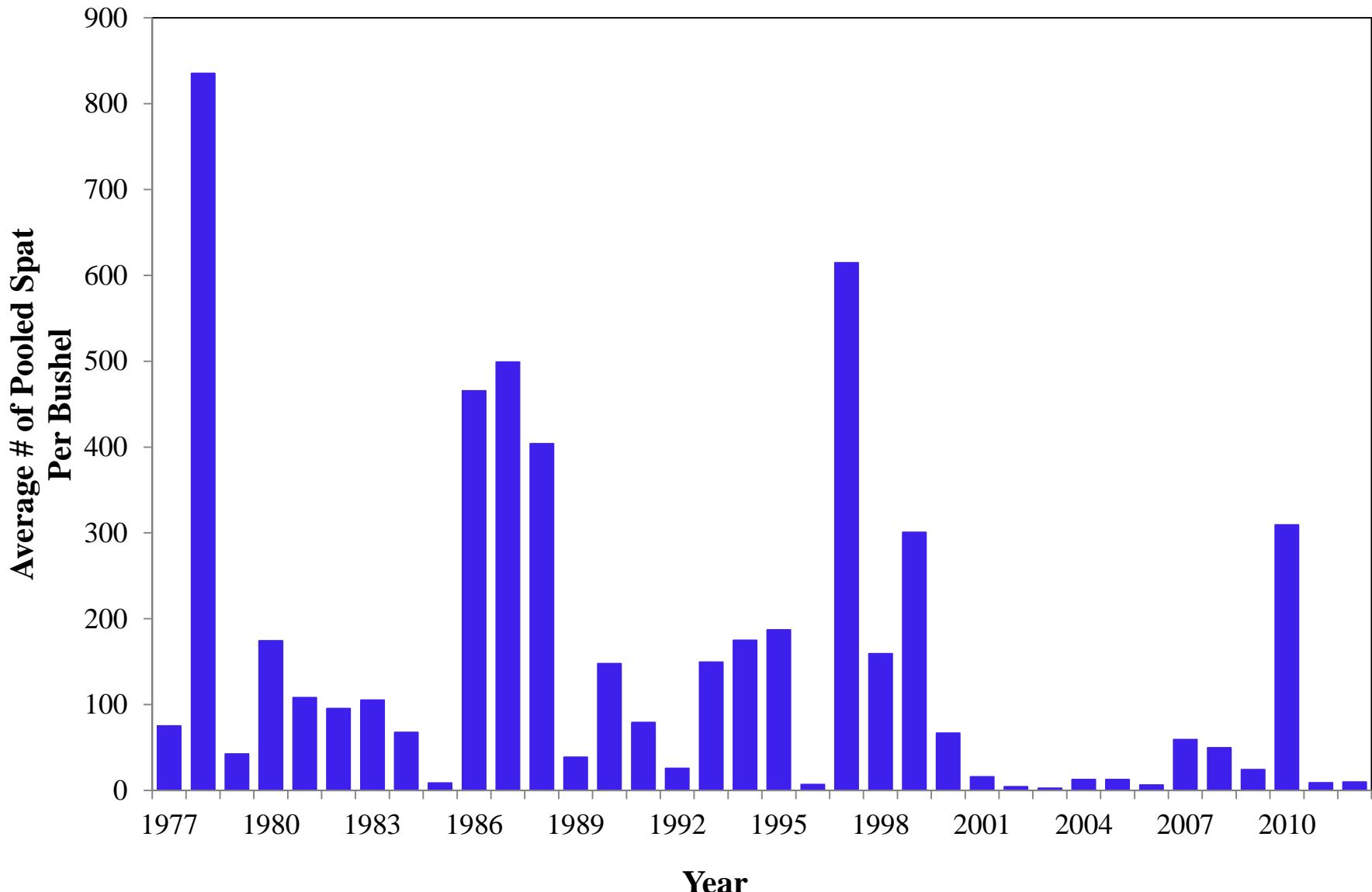


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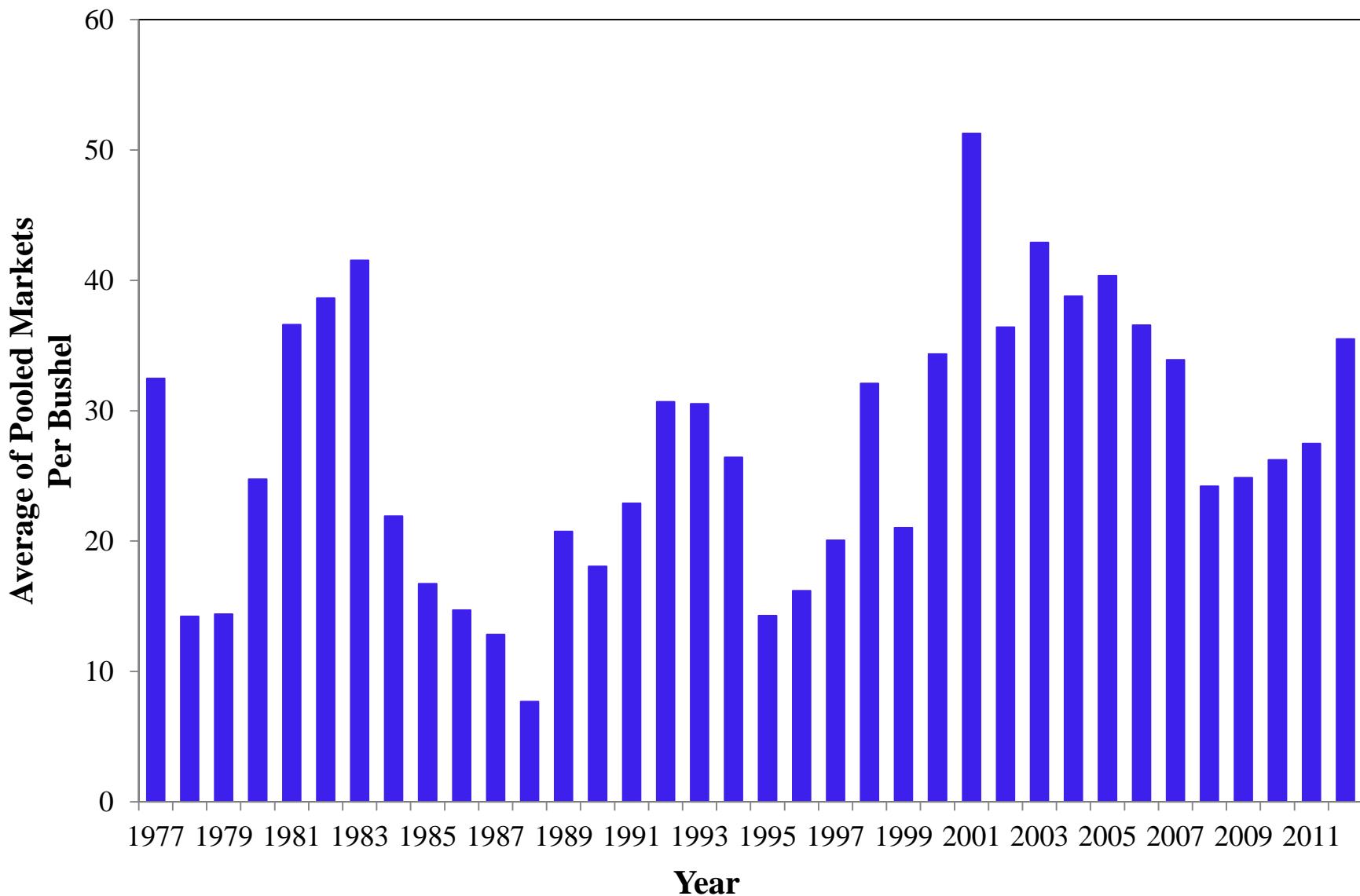


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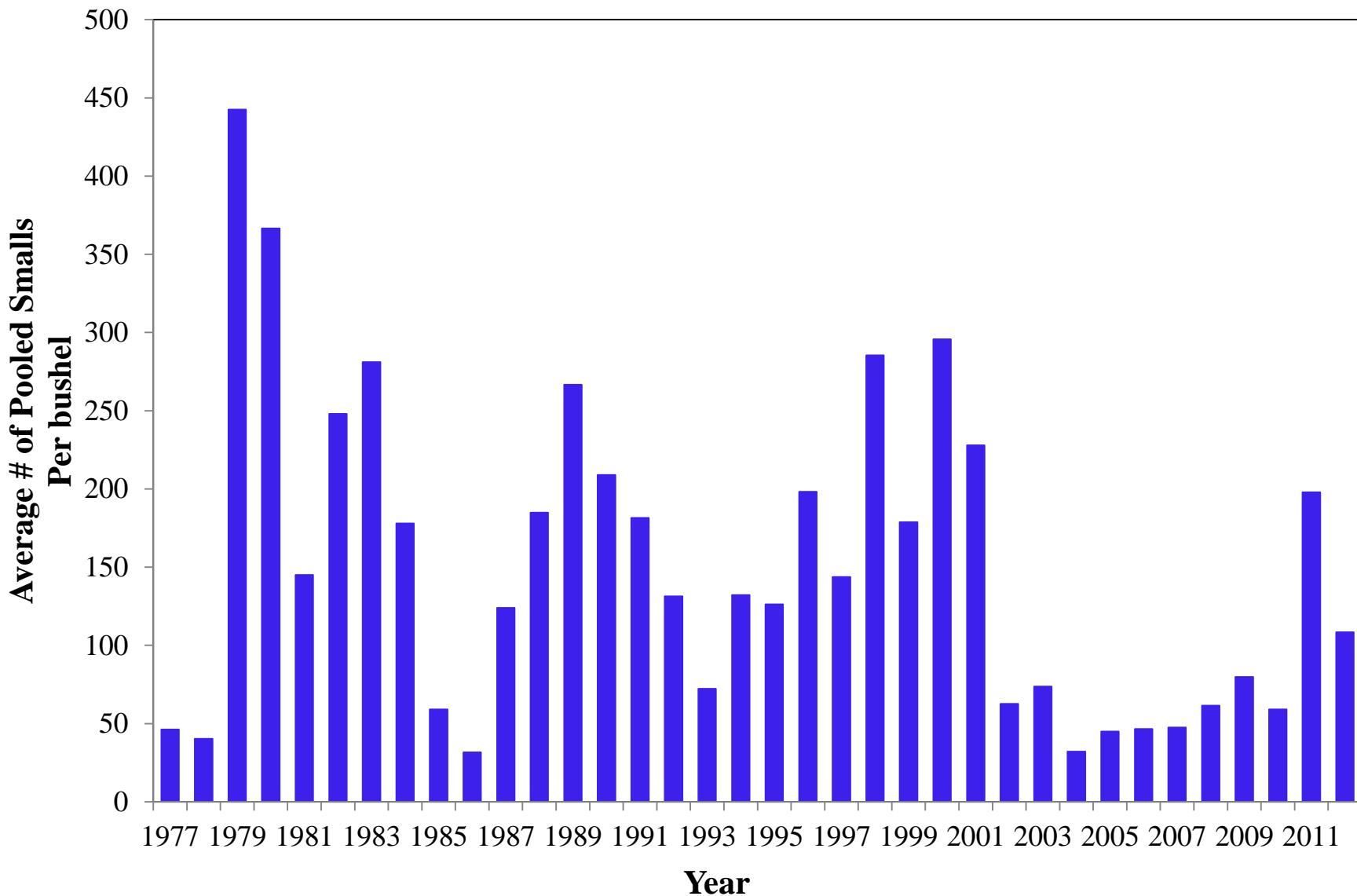
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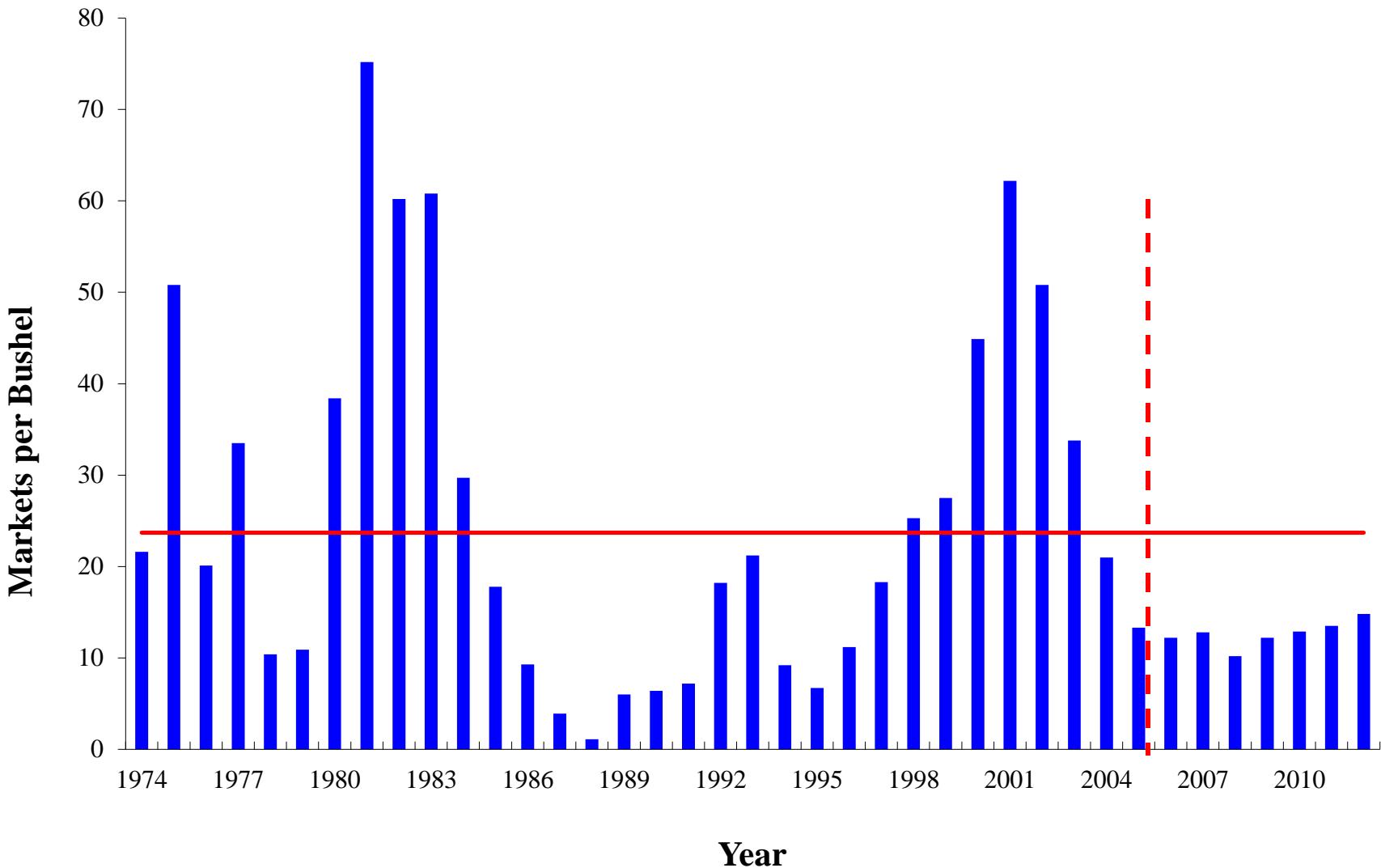
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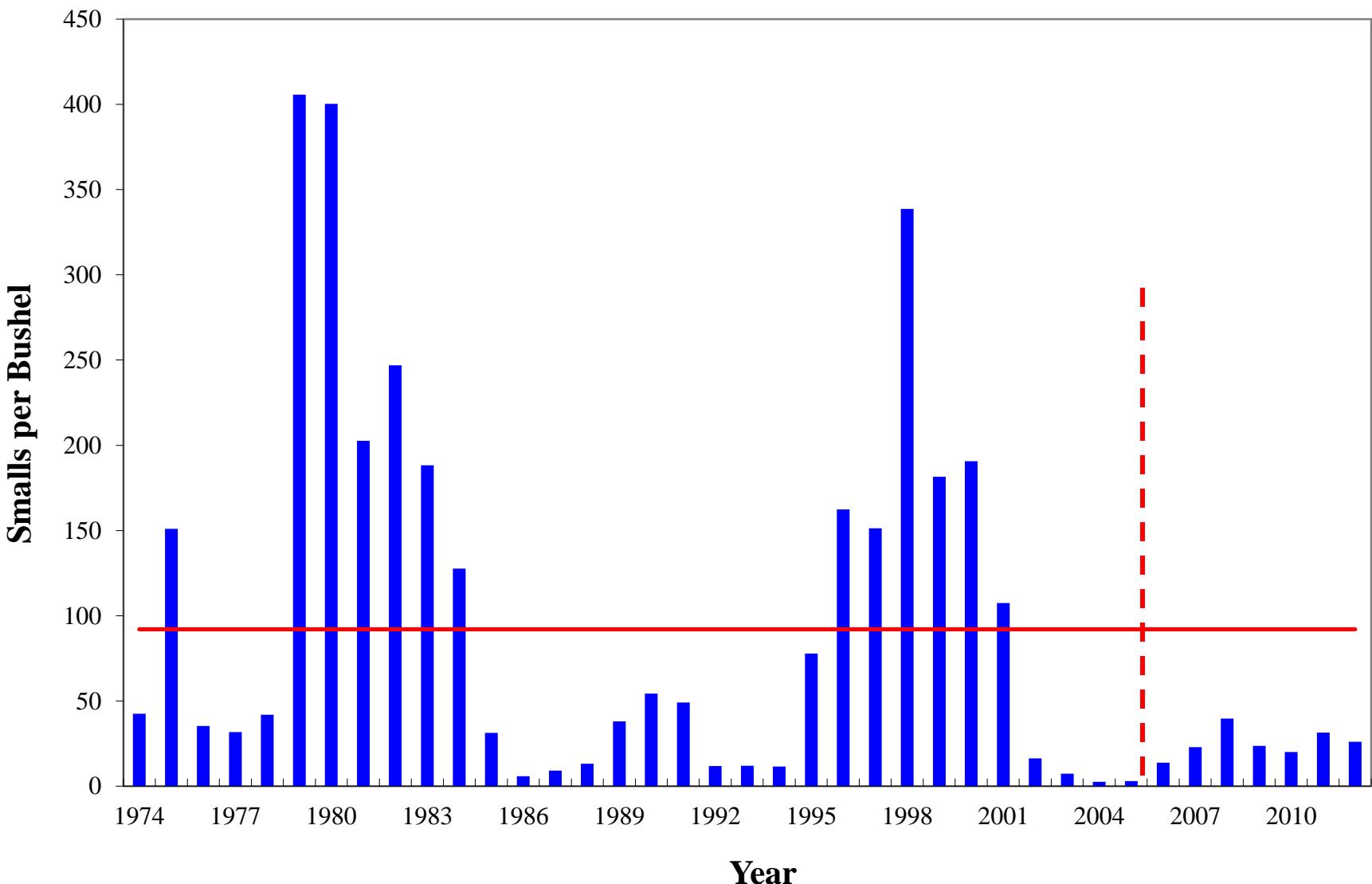
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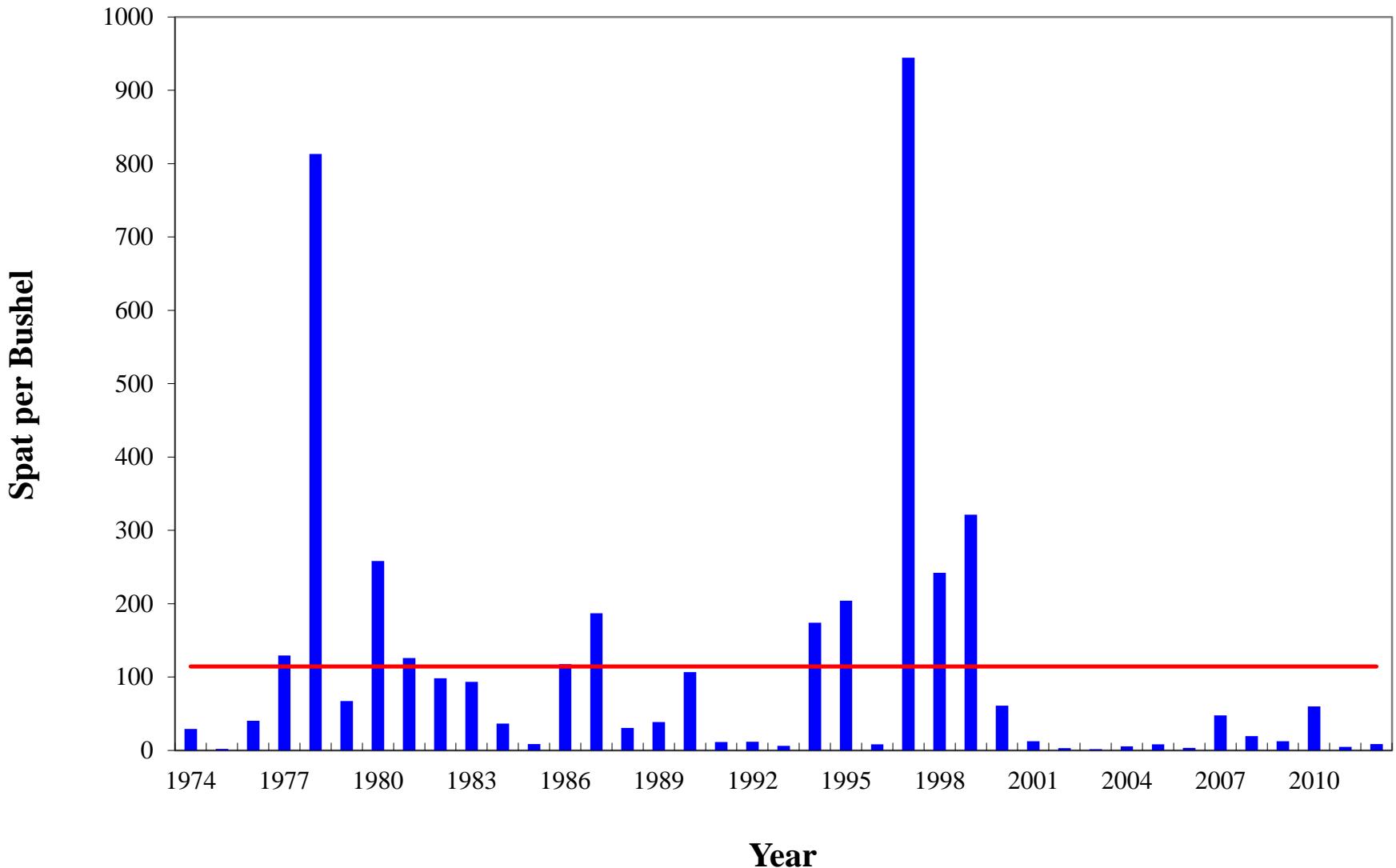
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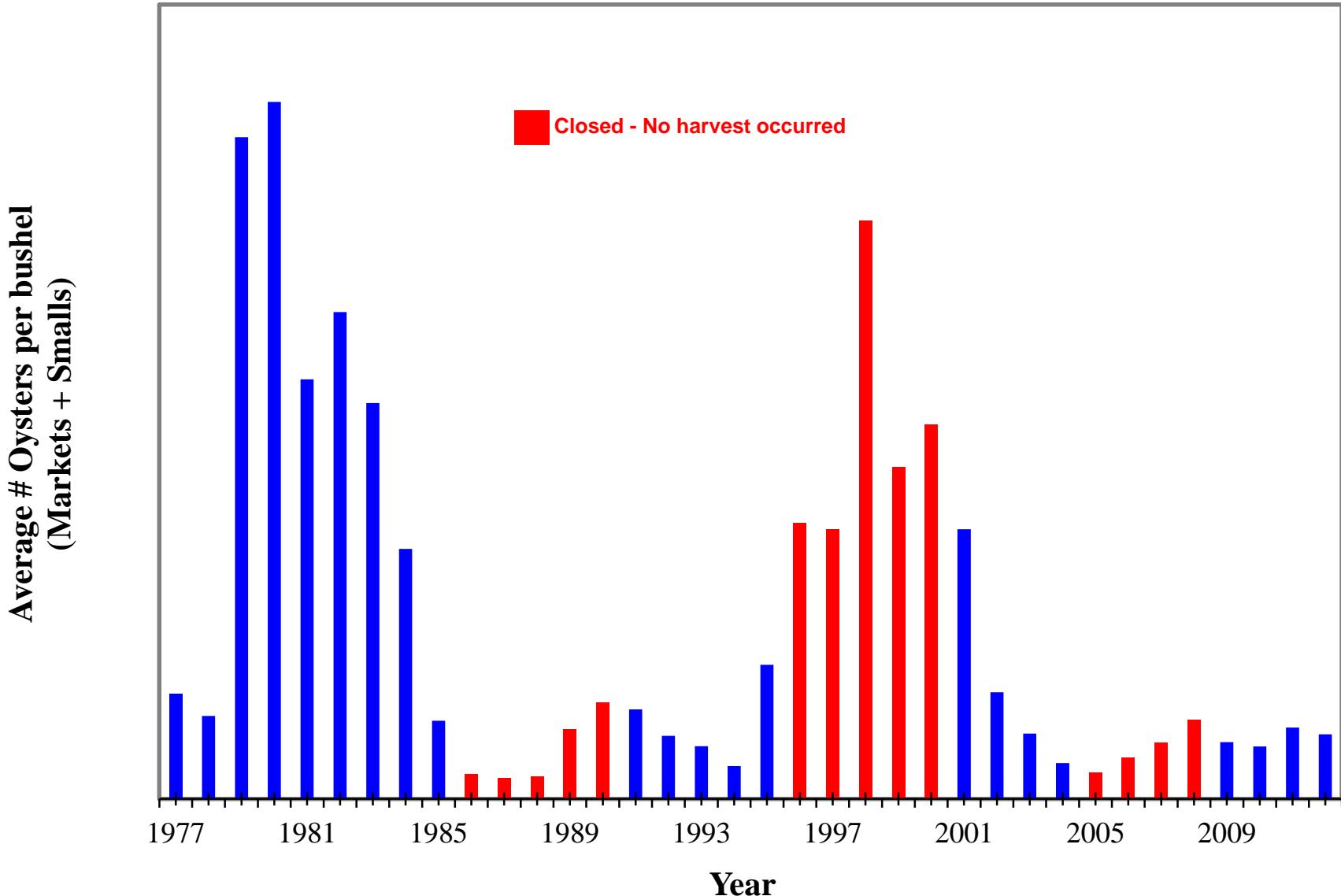
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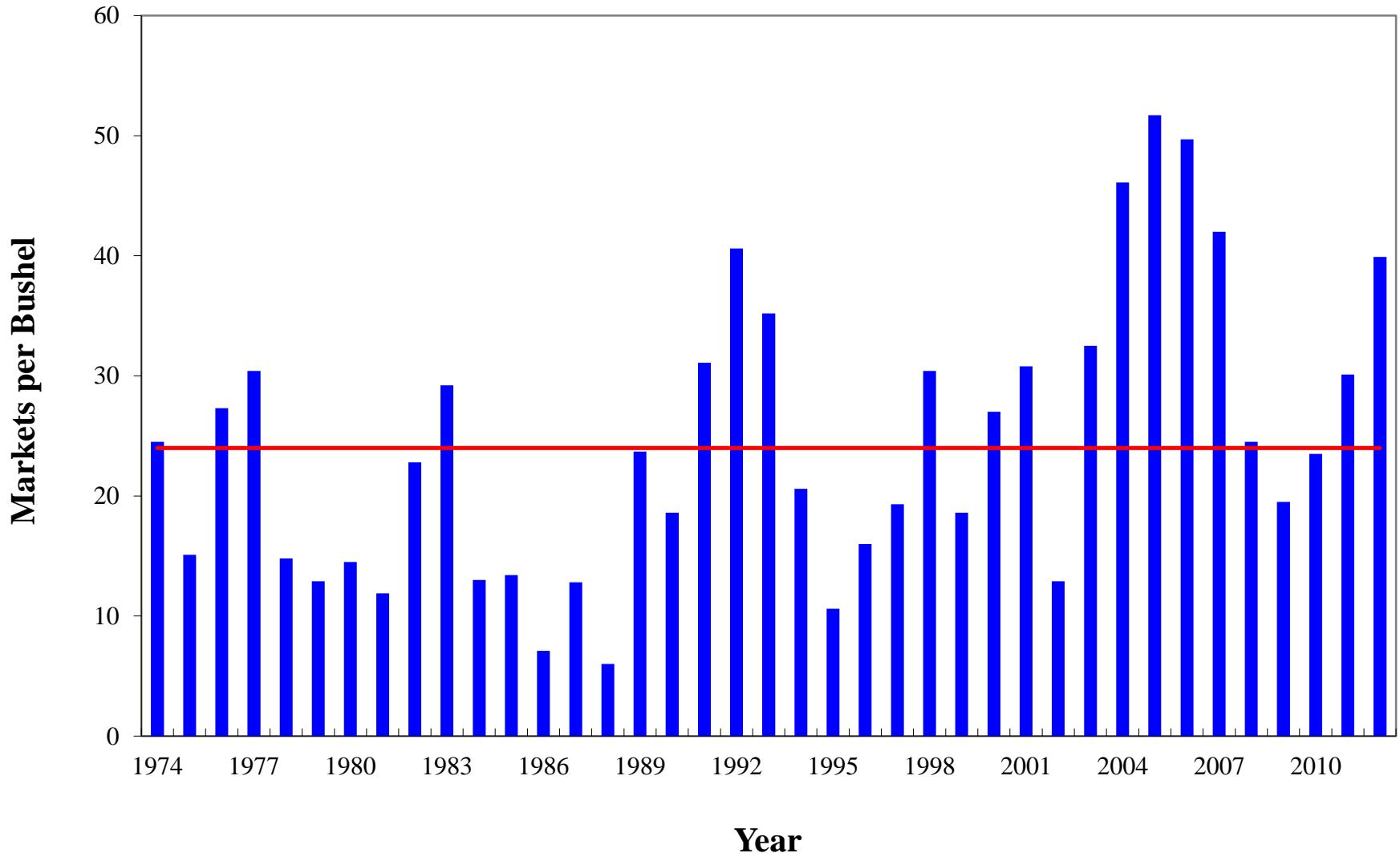
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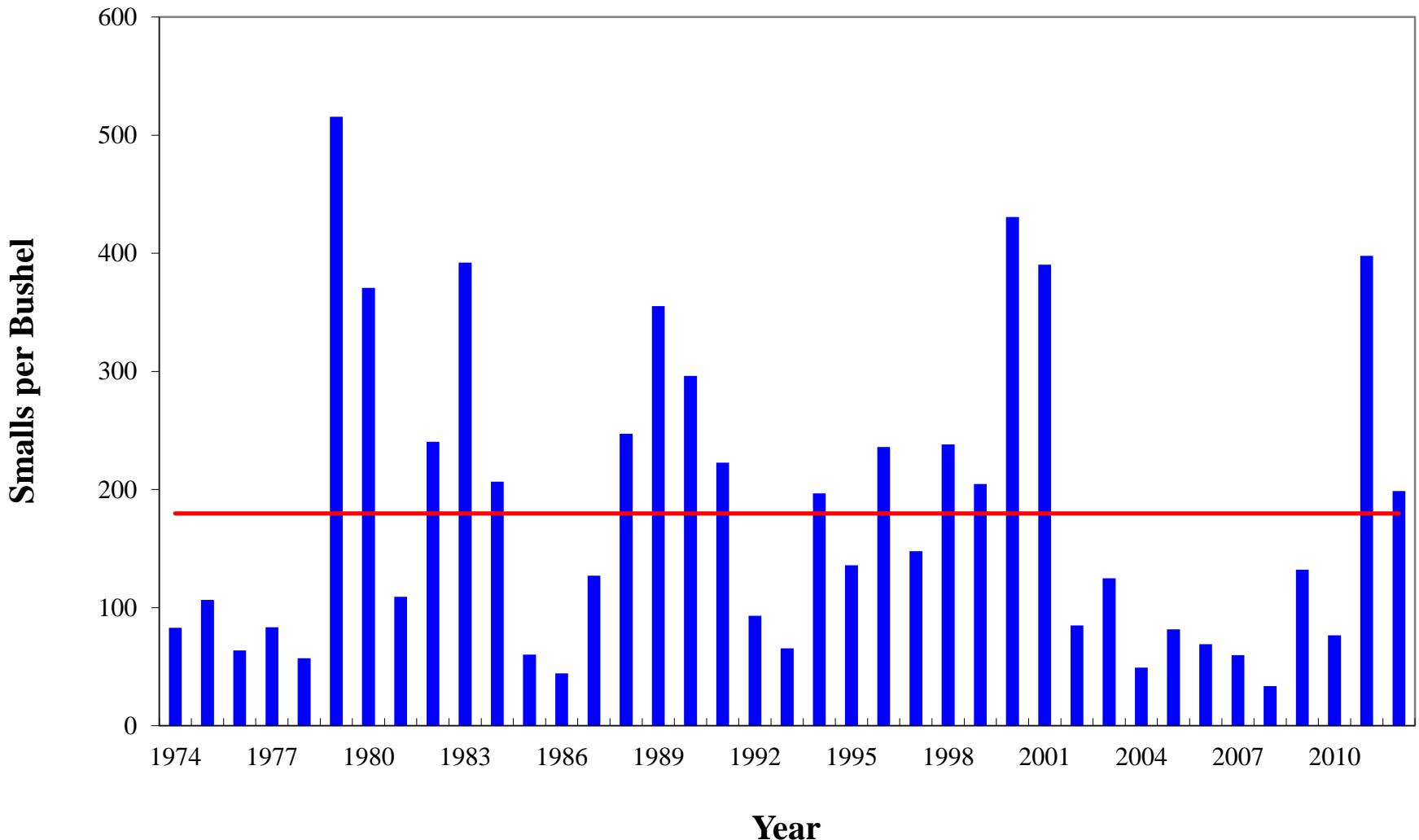
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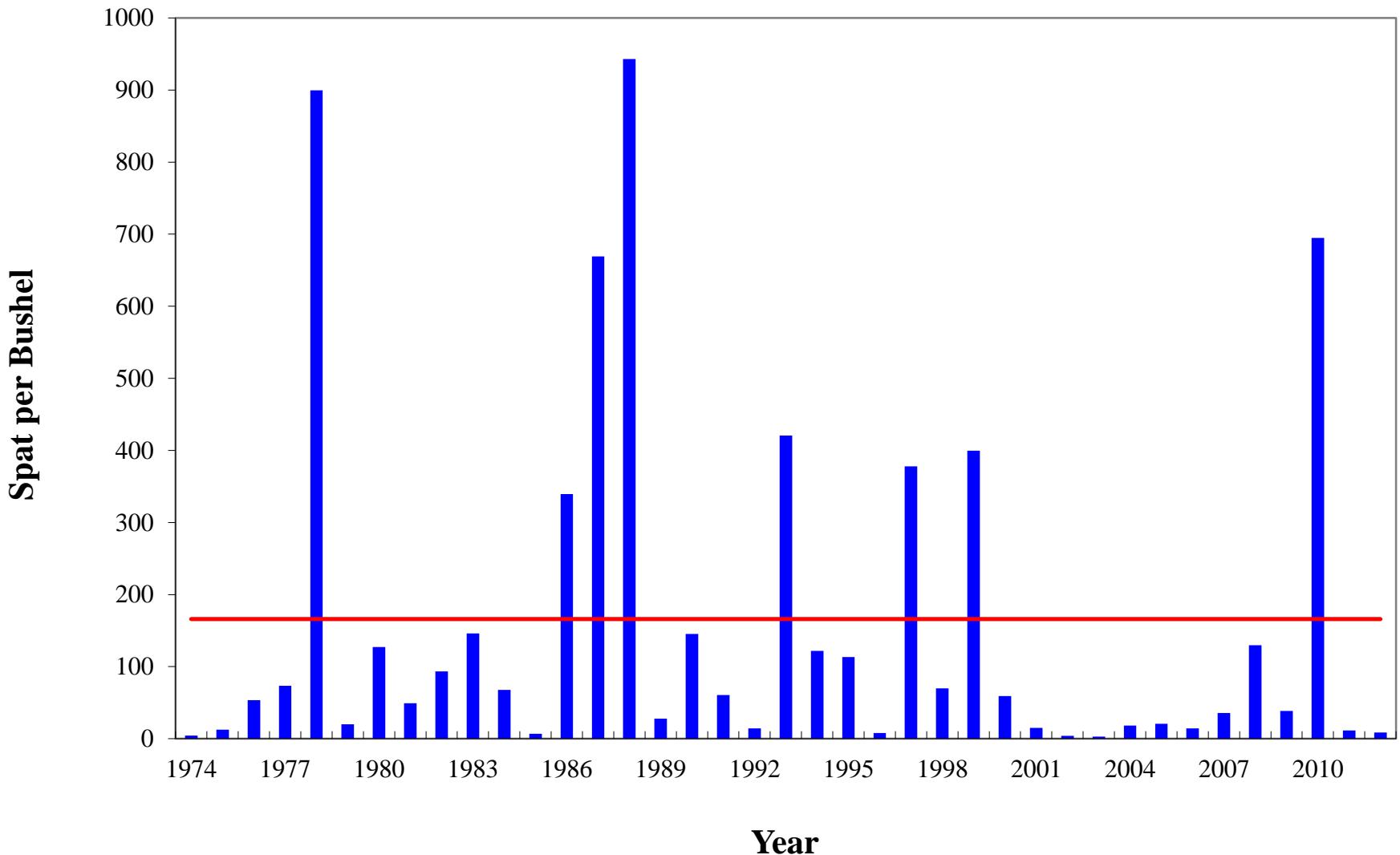
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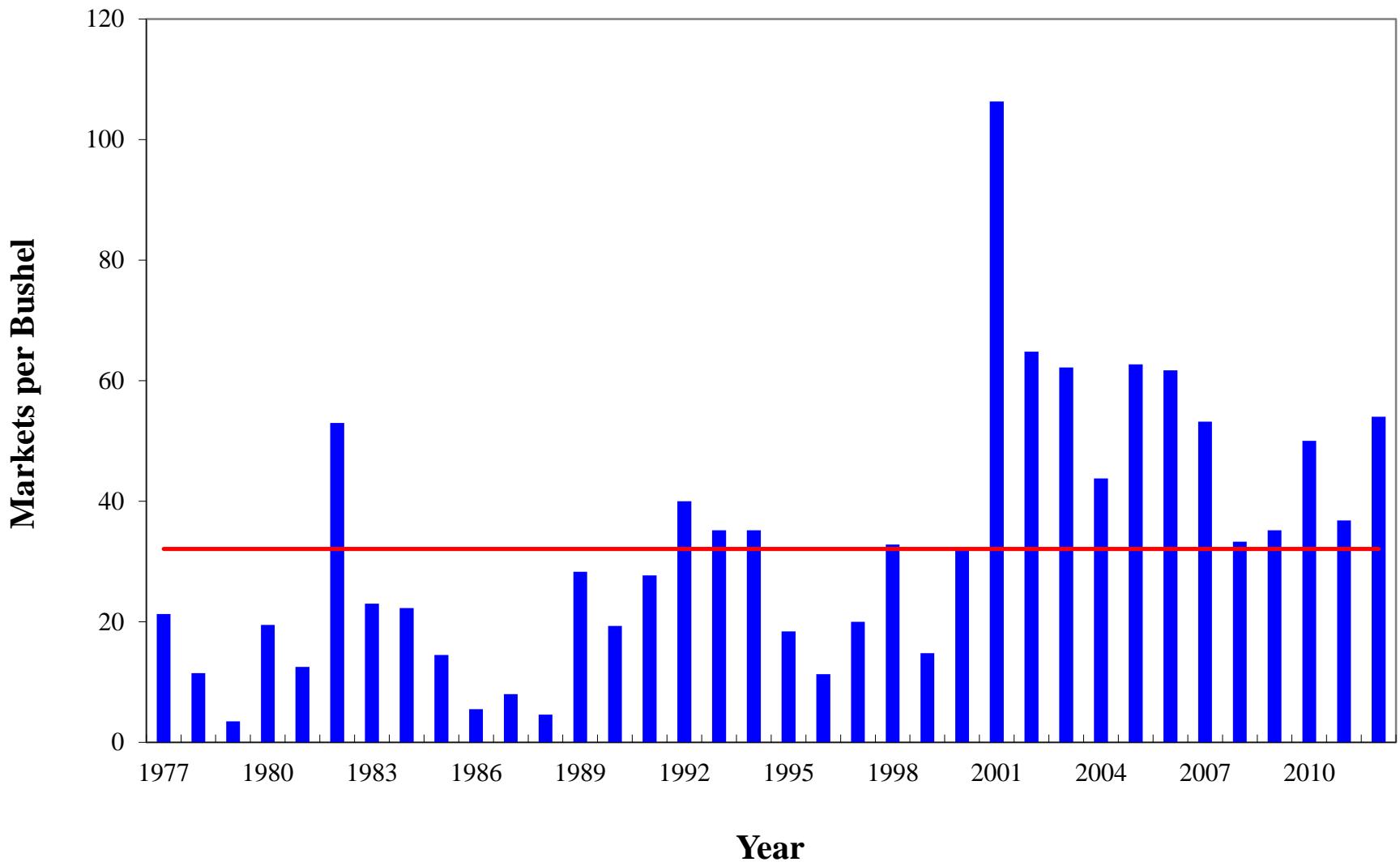
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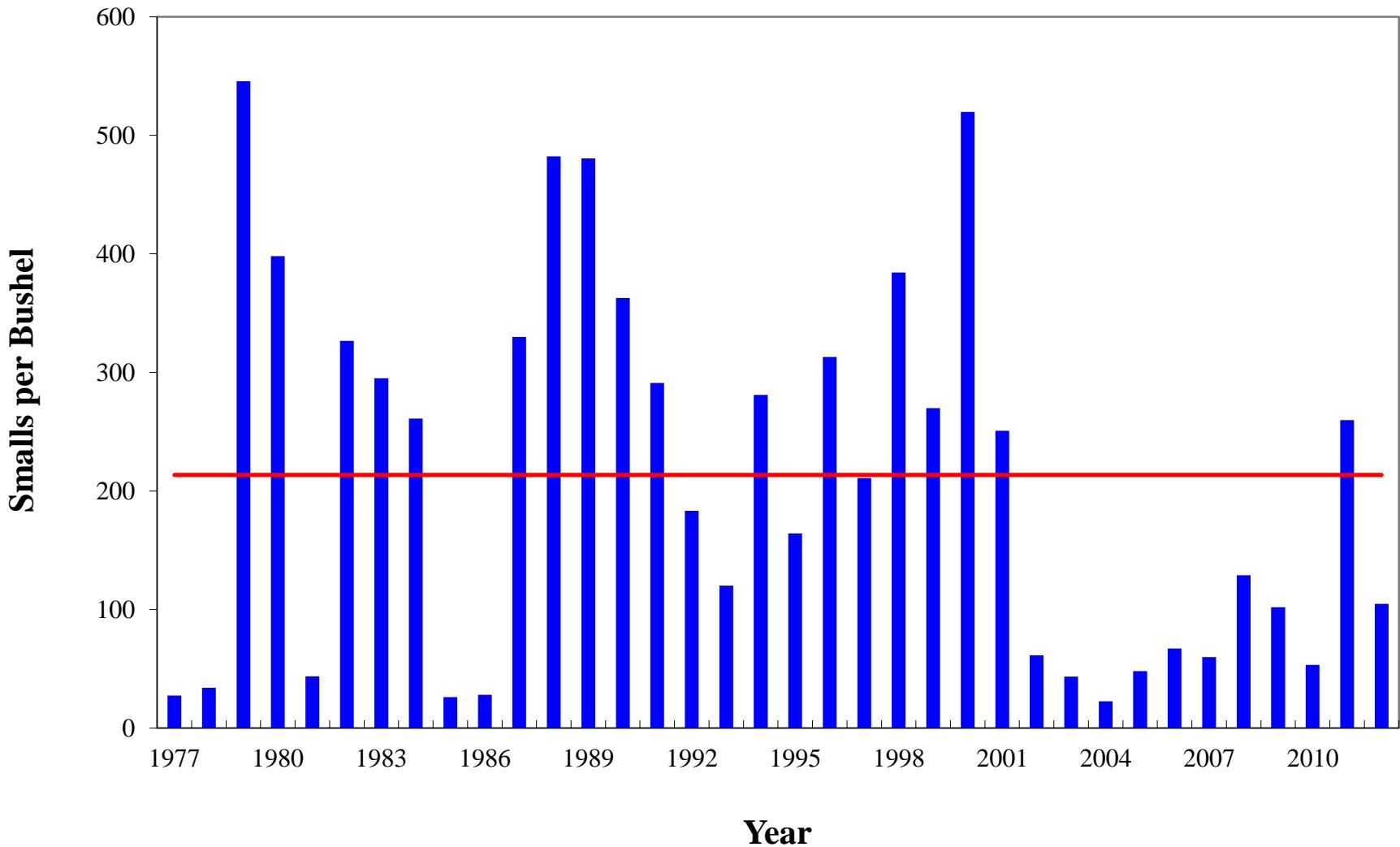
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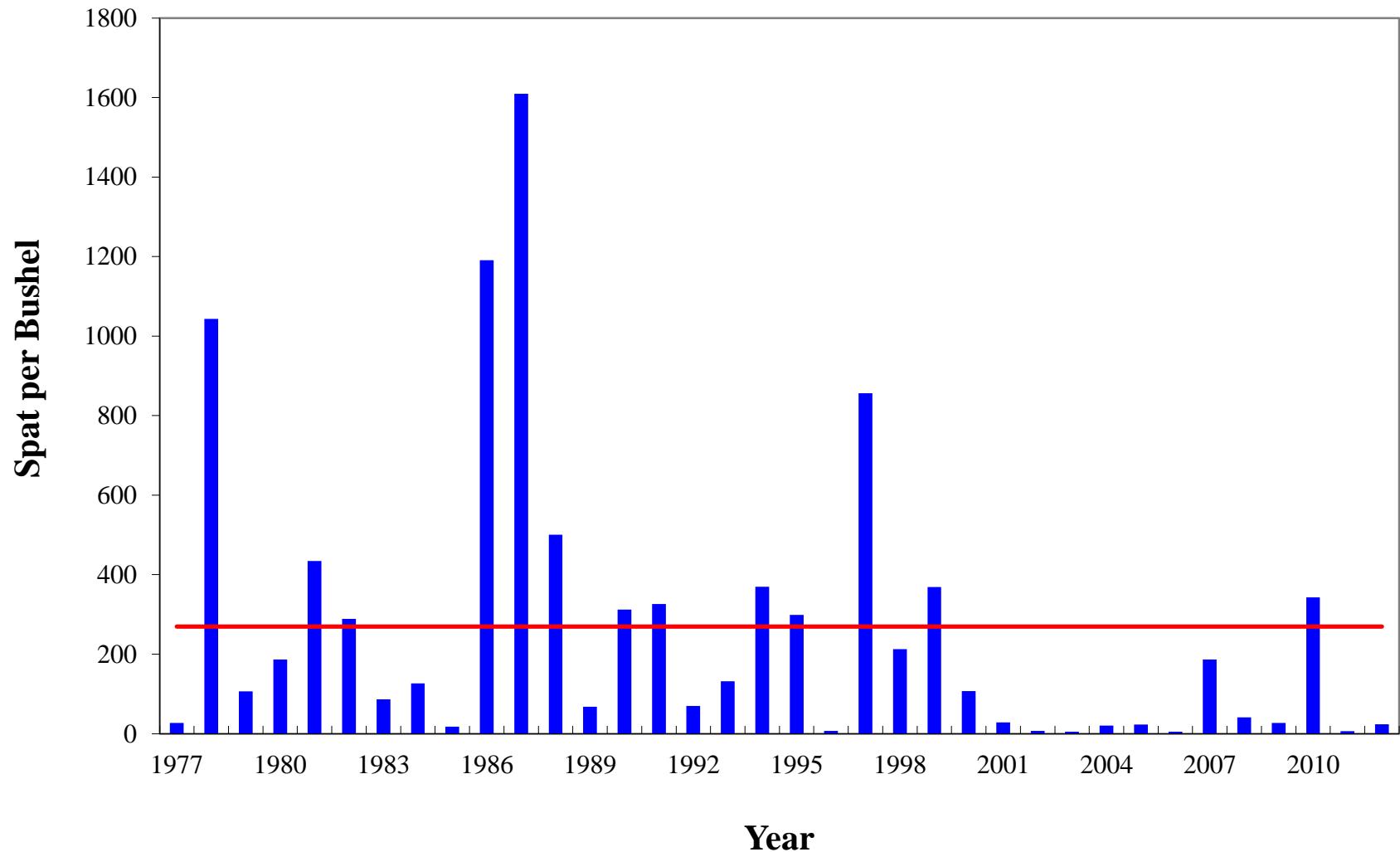
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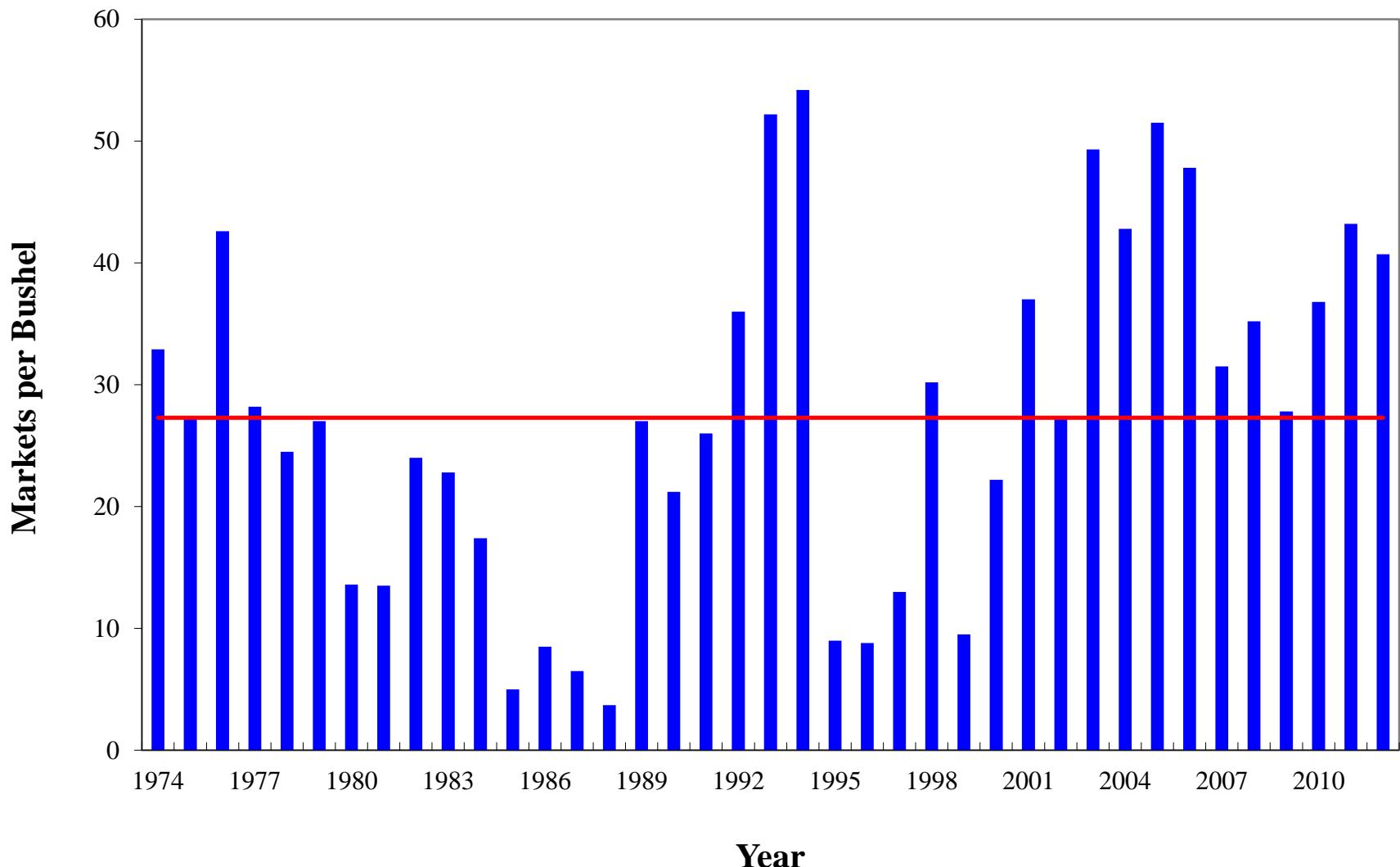
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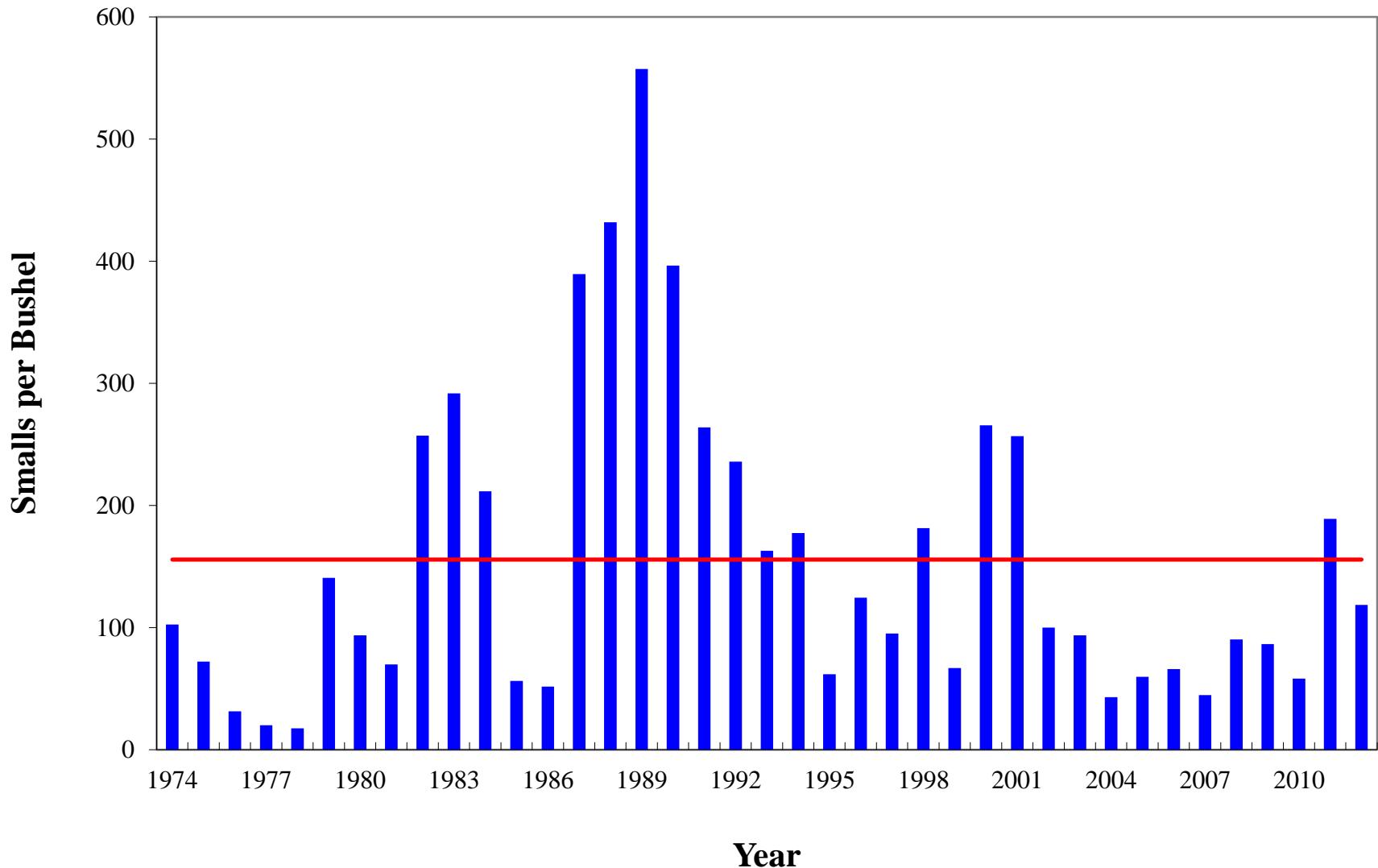
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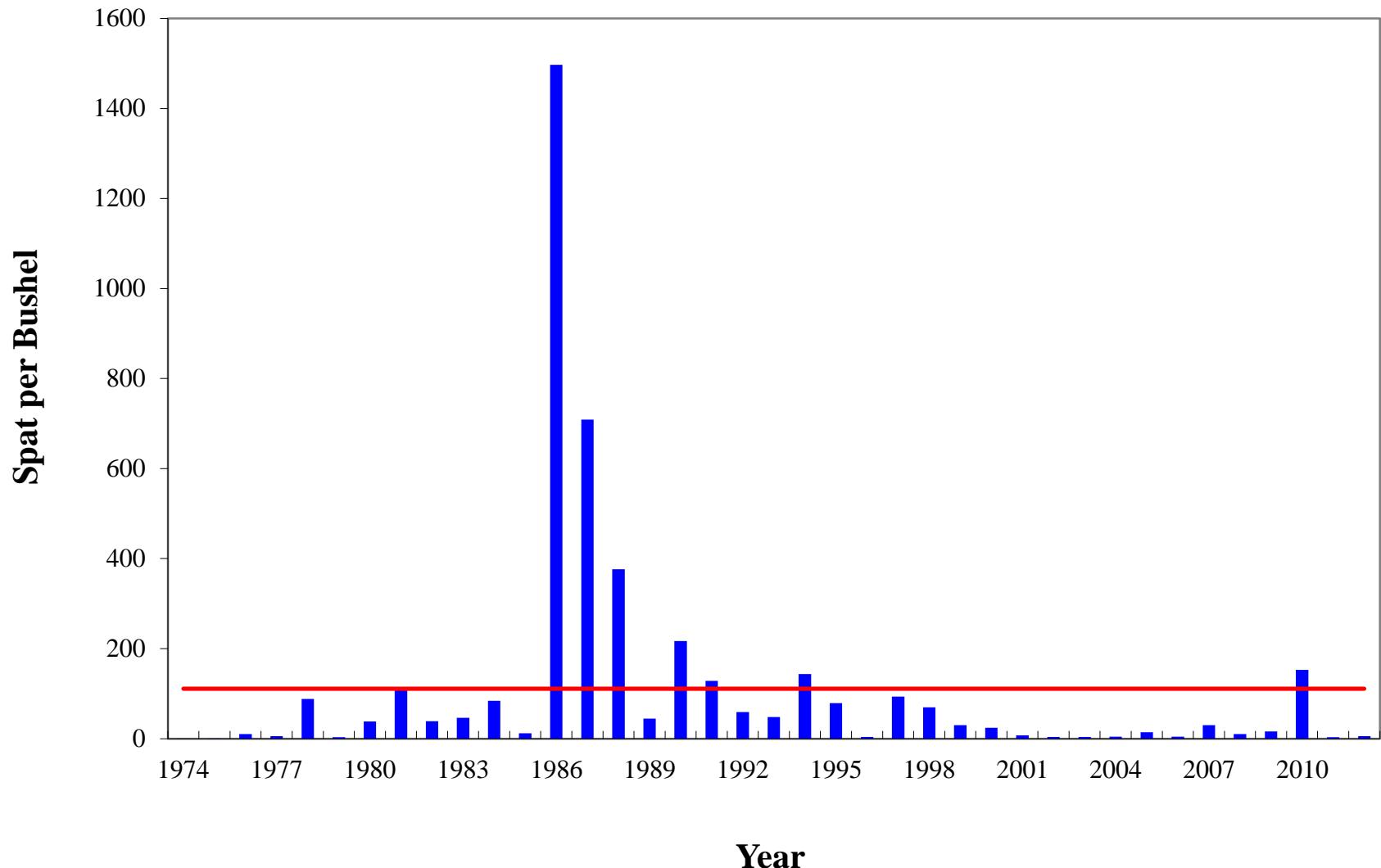
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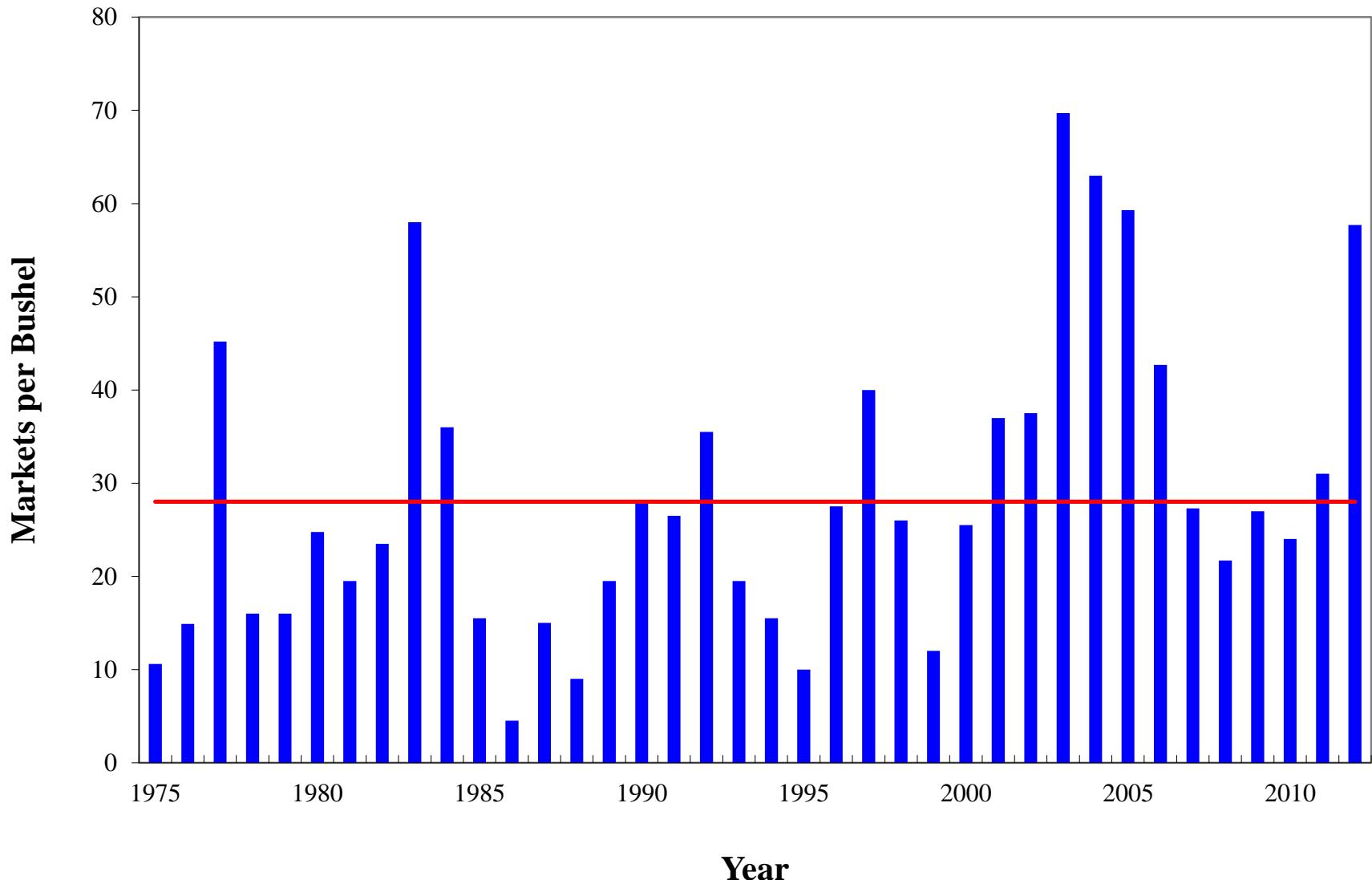
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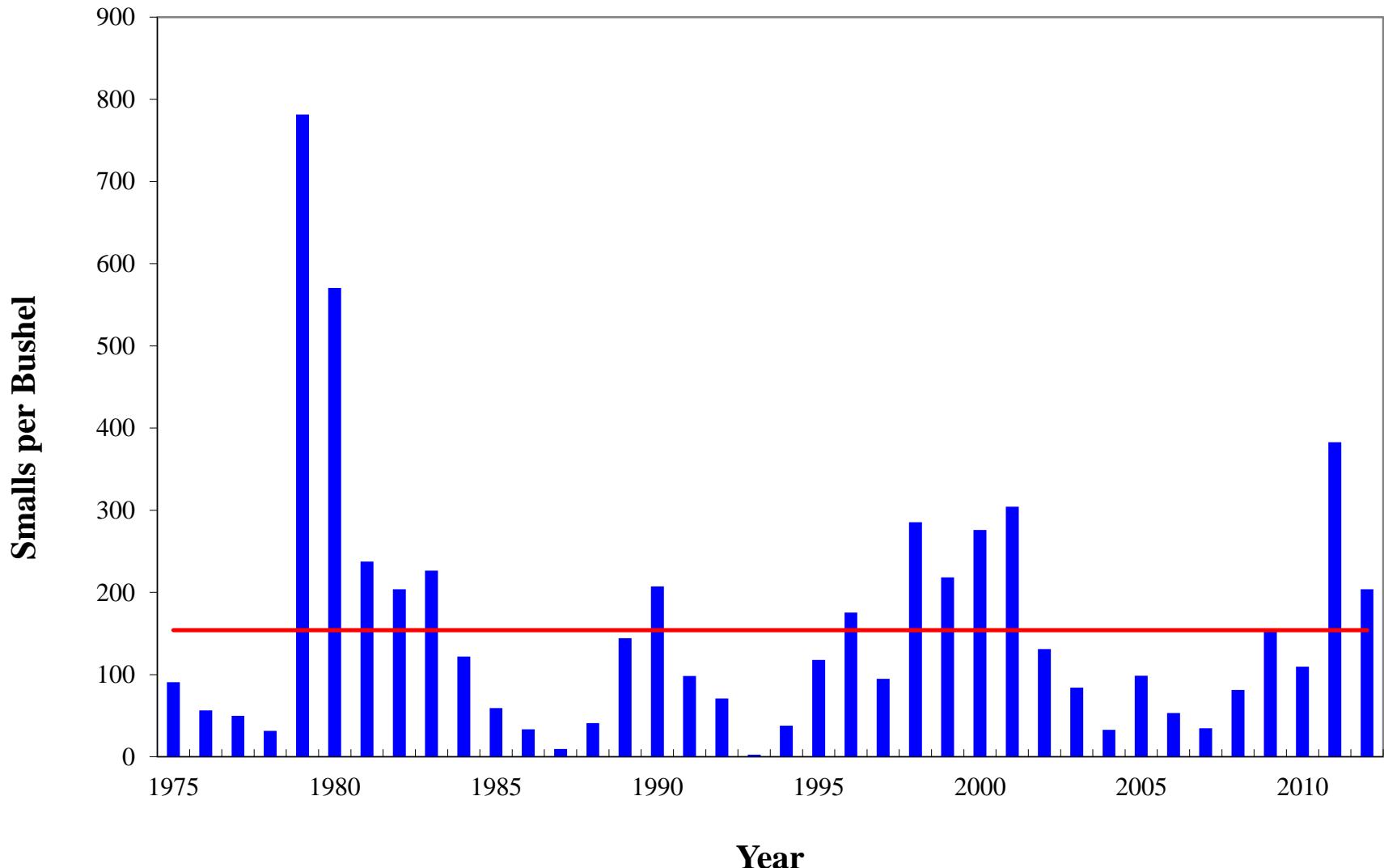
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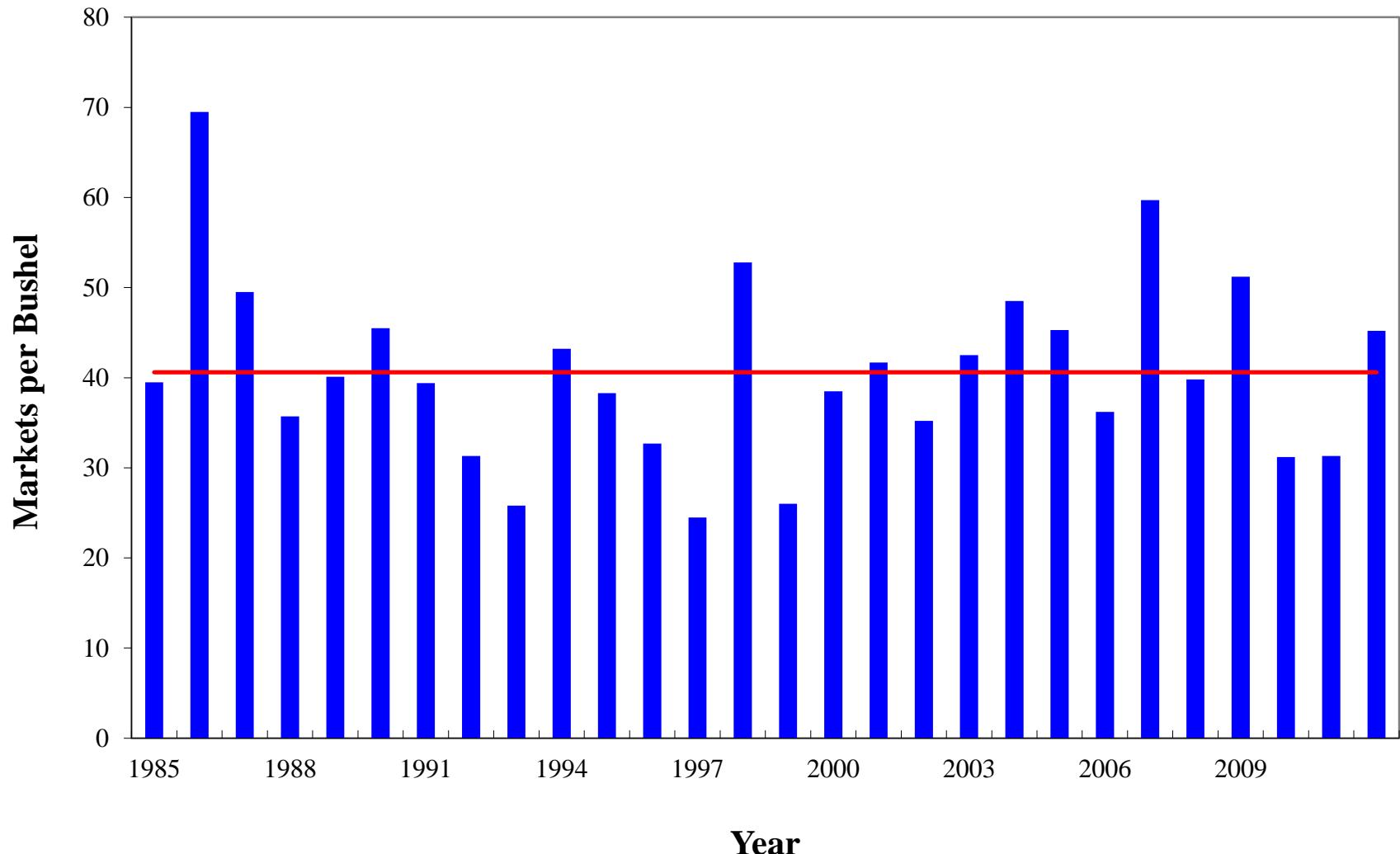
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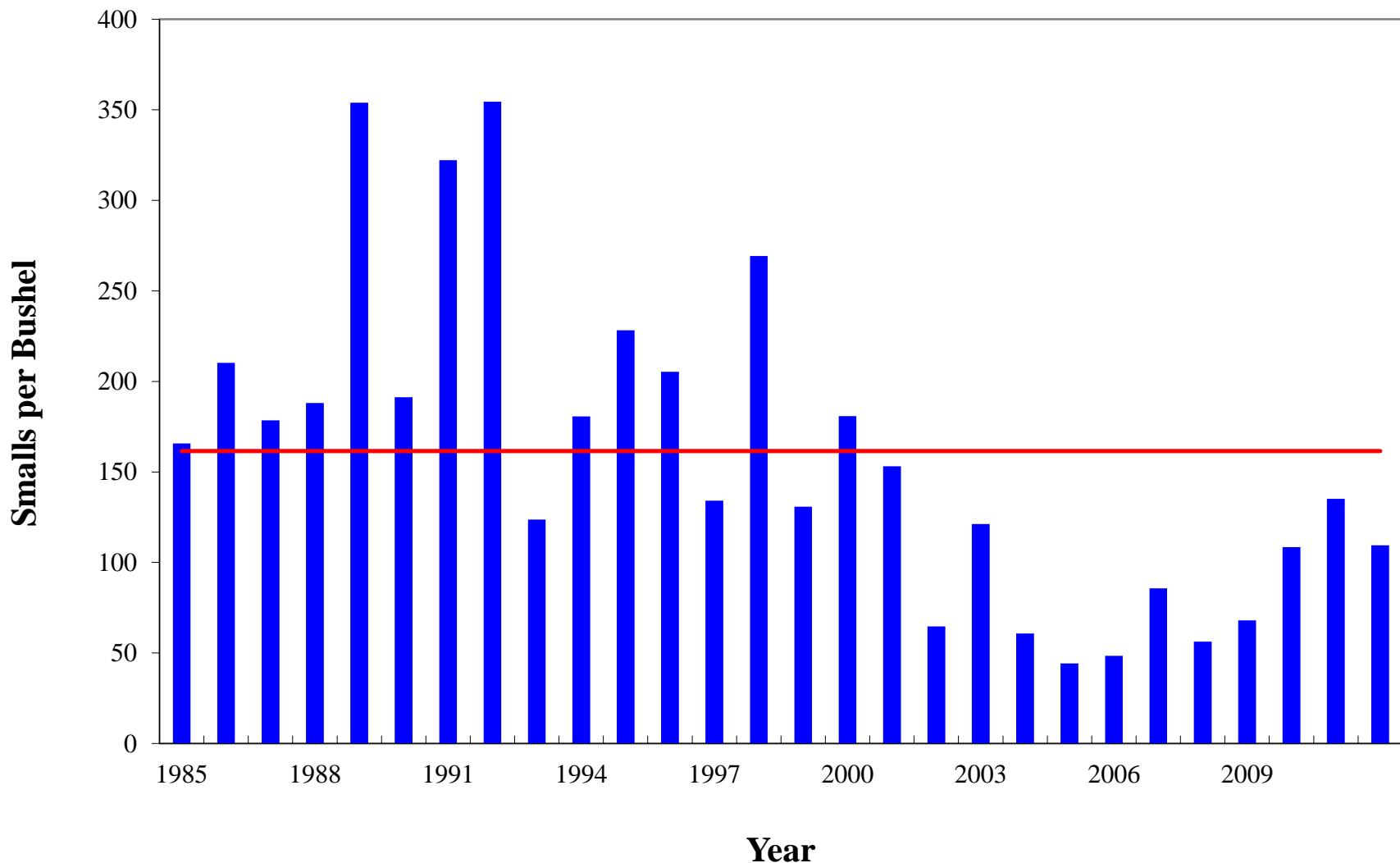
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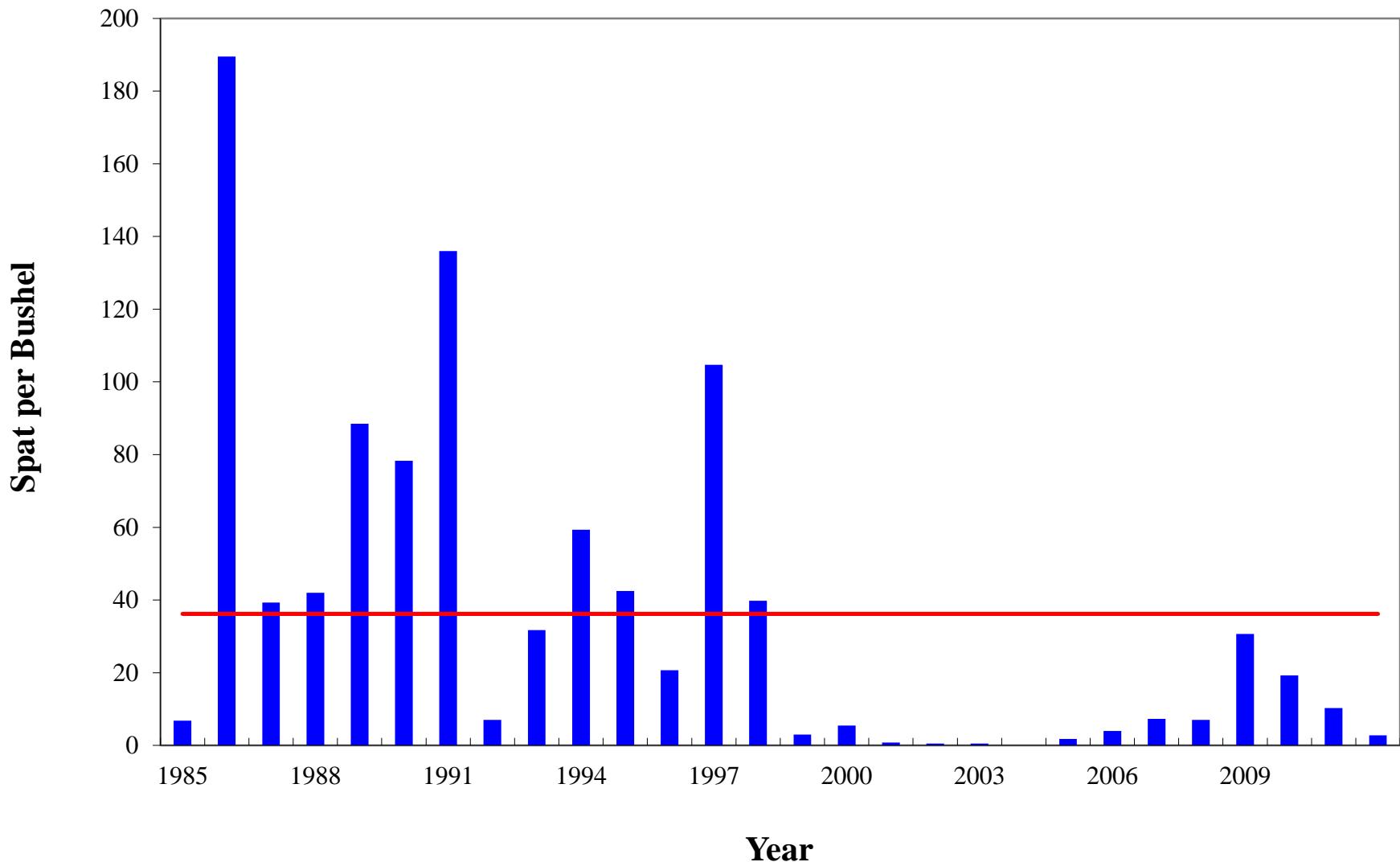
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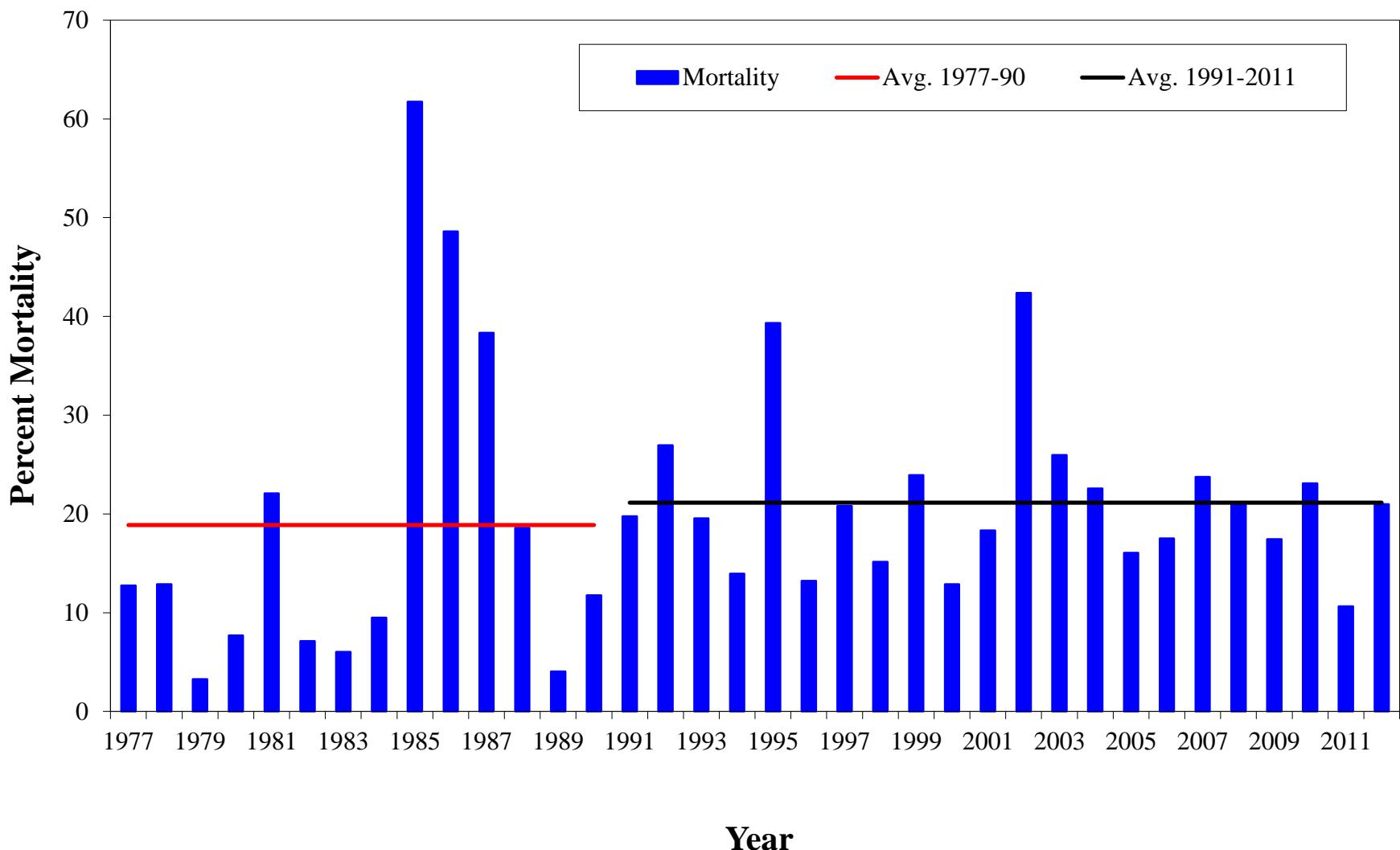
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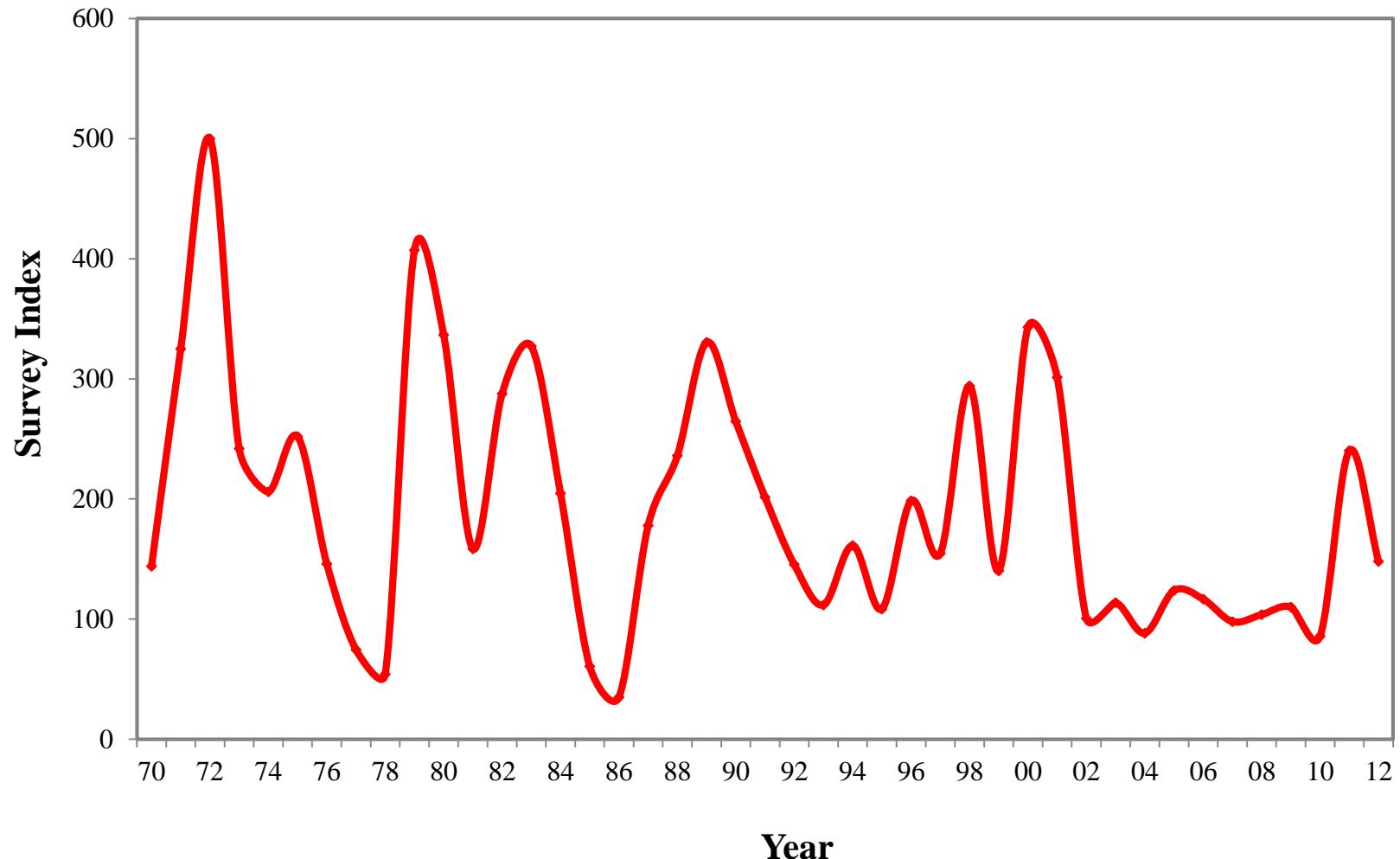
Woodland Beach Spat per Bushel



Average Annual Mortality (smalls + markets)



Survey Index Over Time (Mean # small + market / bushel)

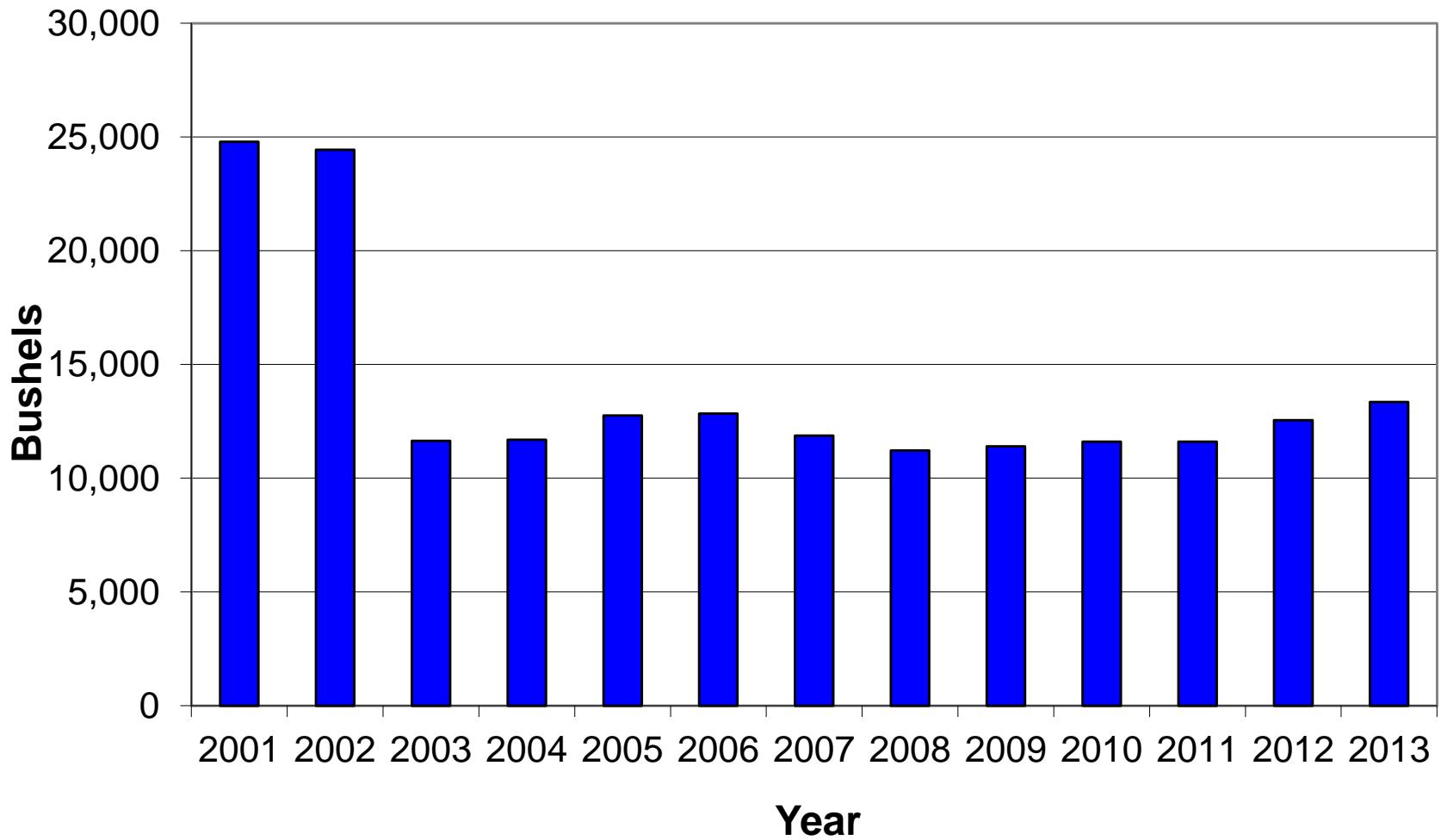


Percentage of oysters greater than or equal to 2.75" and 3"

Bed	% > 2.75"	% > 3"
Ridge	42.90	33.70
Silver Bed	28.00	17.70
Over-the-Bar	36.60	26.80
Lower Middle	54.10	42.30
Drum Bed	37.30	24.00
Average	39.78	28.90

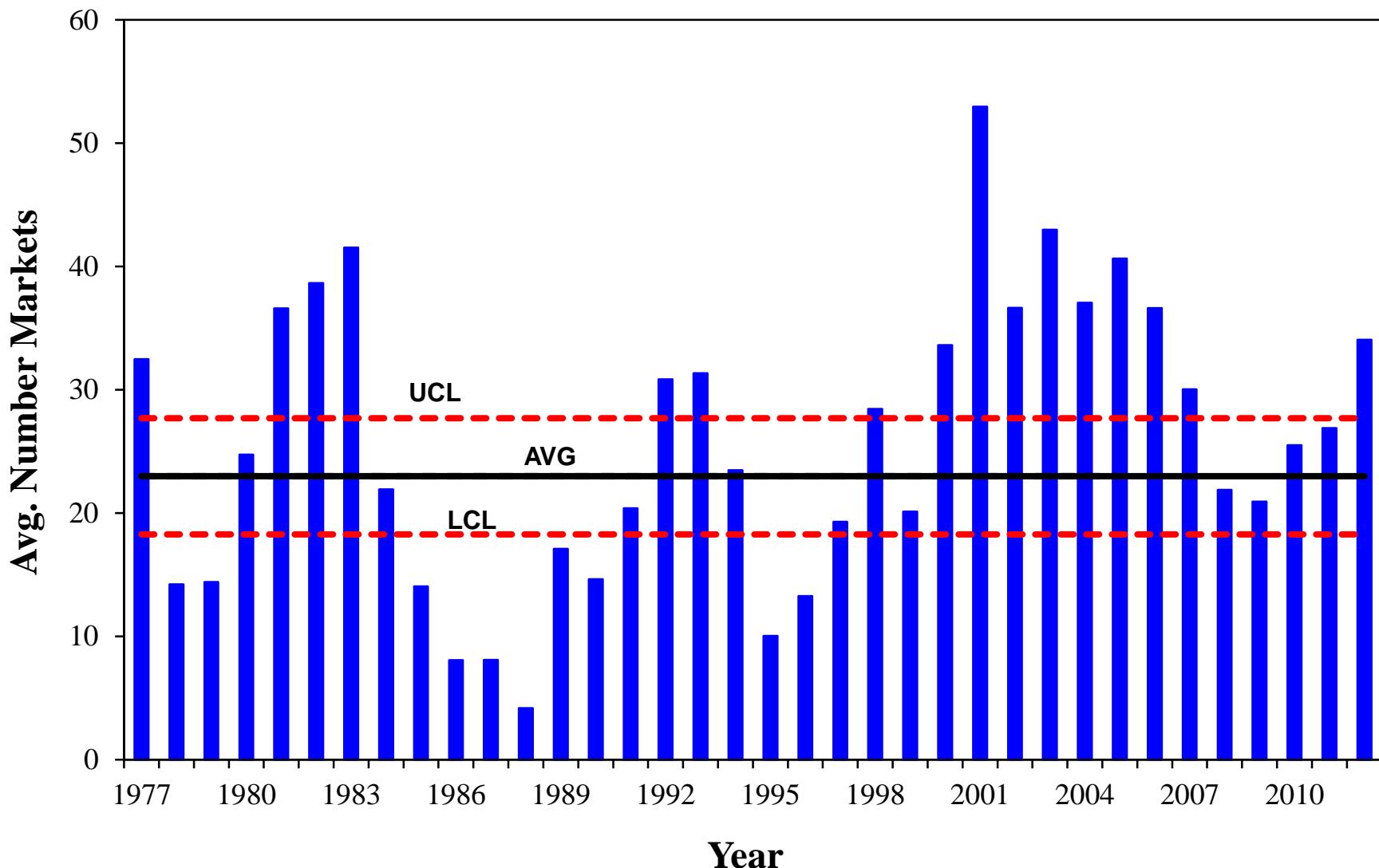
- Quota is based on the relationship between oyster harvest and the fall survey index from 1977-95.
- 2013 quota = 13,358 bushels

Annual Oyster Quota 2001-2013



Pooled Average Number of Markets

(Upper C.I., Long-term Average (1977-2001), Lower C.I.)



SEASON

May 6 - June 22

Sep 2 – Dec 31

QUOTA

13,358 bushels